

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:) CONFIRMATION NO.: 3997
Kazuhide HASEBE, et al.)
U.S. Serial No.: 10/553,828) Group Art Unit: 1792
Filed: October 20, 2005) Examiner: Joy L. Watson

For: METHOD OF CLEANING HEAT TREATMENT APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 29, 2007

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A reply to the Office Action of November 29, 2007 was due by February 29, 2008. Submitted herewith, together with the requisite fee, is a Petition for extending the time of reply up to and including May 29, 2008. Please accept these papers as timely filed.

Please further amend this application as shown in the following.